

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**SIXTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 1987, AT 2:00 P.M.
IN H-769, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS**

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-60-D4. Elements of an Agreement Concerning the Utilization
of Certain Trust Funds Held by the University

1.1 Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Andrew Bayouk (2:30)
Tony Ghannamy

Engineering:

Patrick Douek
Louis Hotte

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet
Francois Gurik
Keren Penney

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone (2:25)
Jeannette Chayer
Glen Cheverie
Mark Legault
Jim Locke
Effie Panousos (3:35)
Linda Piovesan
Bettina Rosenberg
Morty Shapiro
Emma Tibaldo (2:55)

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Joe Fortune, Mike Foster
Commerce: Karen Ashton, Scott Bergen (W/R), Lyse Edery
Engineering: Dan Artola, Jon Jolivet

Advisors to the Board Present: Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson,
Judicial Board. Cherine Hamam, Programming V.P.; Susan Hunt, Student
Life V.P.; Brent Jones, Services V.P.; Craig McNamee, Finance V.P.;
Scott Robertson, Education V.P.; Paul Zaleski, Communications V.P.

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1.2 Call to Order:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

2 Approval of Agenda:

Jim Locke requested that a new club ratification (Concordia Animal Rights Association) be added to the Agenda as Item 7.3.

The Agenda was approved with this amendment.

3 Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson John Moore was pleased with the high turnout of Directors and commented that the new calling system seemed to be working well.

4 Reports:

4.1 Co-Presidents' Report:

Karen Takacs stated that International Women's Week was scheduled for the week of March 2nd. She added that for the first time, all the activities at Concordia have been co-ordinated. She had posters which detailed all the events which were scheduled to take place, and she requested volunteers to help put up the posters.

Karen Takacs reported that the next issue of "CUSA Today" would be published in the "women's issue" of "The Link", and would be focused on issues relevant to women. She added that she would be co-ordinating submissions, and welcomed any suggestions.

Regarding the status of the service contract with the Engineering and Computer Science Students' Association (ECA), Karen Takacs reported that the Co-Presidents had developed a proposal and presented it to ECA at a recent meeting. This proposal asked for a fair contribution from ECA. The Co-Presidents are waiting for a response and/or criticisms from ECA before discussing it with the Board.

The Co-Presidents advised the Board that application forms for the summer student employment program Challenge '87 were available as well as information on loans for students to set up businesses from the Federal Business Development Bank.

Karen Takacs reported that there were 23 applicants for the two vacancies on the Board of Governors. The Hiring and Appointments Committee still has three applicants to interview. The Committee's nominations will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Karen Takacs stated that the proposal for the Women's Centre has been accepted by the Simone de Beauvoir Institute. At present, the plans are to have the women's centre operational by June. It will be situated in the AR Annex.

Scott White reported that he, Maxine Clarke and Robert Douglas presented a proposal at a recent International and Ethnic Association Council (I/EAC) meeting concerning CUSA's funding of I/EAC if it is dropped from CCSL funding. He stated that this matter is still very much up in the air, adding that CUSA is ready to do it although I/EAC does not seem to be very interested.

Scott White stated that CUSA's lawyers have requested that the Bob Bruce case be thrown out of court because it has dragged on so long and it is very difficult to get witnesses. The judge has agreed with the lawyers with the provision that the other side has one year to prove that Bob Bruce is capable of standing trial. If they are unable to prove it, then the case will be thrown out. Scott White added that this would result in a significant financial savings for CUSA.

Regarding the proposal for ECA, Jim Locke asked whether the proposal was specific to ECA or whether it could be used to other groups. Karen Takacs responded that it is specific because it is based on the number of engineering students and the services provided. Jim Locke asked whether the general elections would hinder the outcome of the agreement. Karen Takacs stated that both sides are eager to come to an agreement and are optimistic that something will be done. She added that the next administration could start negotiations again if necessary.

(2:40) - RECESS FOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

(2:50) - MEETING RE-CONVENED

4.2 Executive Reports:

Programming V.P. Cherine Hamam reported that the Grad Ball will be held on Saturday, April 4th at the Four Seasons Hotel. Tickets will be sold starting on Monday for \$25 per person. She also stated that there will be a concert/performance on March 25th at the Campus Centre by the group "By Us".

On behalf of the External Committee, Jeannette Chayer reported that a moderate plan of action was adopted at the "Reunion national du mouvement etudiant" on February 14-15th which was attended by Jeannette Chayer and one CUSA delegate. She added that she would provide the Directors with a written report including a full explanation of the "23 Demands". Linda Piovesan stated that the subcommittee is still working on the statement of principles.

Finance V.P. Craig McNamee stated that he was working on a review of club budgets to straighten out those budgets which are close to the limit or over their limits. Karen Takacs asked whether there were any clubs which had not yet had their budgets approved. Craig McNamee responded that the Journalism Students are without a budget but added that they have no activities planned. He also stated that the Iraqi-Iranian Friendship Association has no budget because the club was ratified only at the last meeting.

Student Life V.P. Susan Hunt reported that the student services fee would be raised next year from \$3.00 to \$3.85 per credit. She added that at the CCSL meeting, the Vice-Rector sidestepped the issue of cuts to Athletics, Dean of Students, etc., by referring them back to the Budget and Priorities Committee and not making the cuts public until later.

Robert Douglas, Carnival Chairperson, stated that he is still assessing the damages from carnival. He is preparing a report but he still needs some figures from George Bernier, CUSA Comptroller.

5 Question Period:

Francois Gurik asked whether the student-run cafe at the VA Building could increase its items for sale and have the variety like Cafe 651 does. He stated at present they are selling only coffee and doughnuts because of SAGA's monopoly on food services at the University. Glen Cheverie, as a Director of Cusacorp, stated that Cafe 651 does not pose a real threat to SAGA because they view it as "kids running a cafe", and he felt that if the cafe in the VA Building was run the same way, then there should not be any problems. Karen Takacs stated that the Vice-Rector of Services had told CUSA that they are not bound by the exclusivity contract that SAGA has with the University because CUSA never signed the contract. She suggested that he go ahead and increase the variety, and if there are any problems, it will give CUSA a chance to clarify the issue.

(3:00)

6 Old Business:

6.1 Elements of an Agreement Concerning the Utilization of Certain Trust Funds Held by the University:

MOTION 381:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approves in principle the "Elements of an Agreement Concerning the Utilization of Certain Trust Funds Held by the University" with the exception of Article 2, Points 4 and 5.

Moved by: Scott White
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

Discussion:

Scott White referred the Board to Document BD-60-D4. He explained that there are two trust funds involved in the same package deal: (1) the Part-time Students' fund, and (2) Cusa Centre Inc. funds. There is no problem with CUSA receiving the money from the Part-time Students' fund because it has been agreed that CUSA is looking after the needs of the part-time students. This fund amounts to \$75,000. The money from the Cusa Centre Inc. account amounts to \$672,000 including principal and

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interest. CUSA would like to receive two years' worth of interest which would amount to approximately \$130,000 (\$65,000 per year), and this money would go toward capital expenditures at the Campus Centre covering the period from 1982 until the end of next year. Vice-Rectors Cohen and Giguere has set certain conditions that CUSA must meet in order to receive these funds. firstly, CUSA must reduce its debt to the University to \$60,000 by the end of the year, and secondly, there are stipulations on how the money is to be spent. There are two conditions in this agreement with which the Co-Presidents disagree: Article 2, Points 4 and 5 (on the last page of the document). In Point 4, the University will pay costs, but the Co-Presidents would like to see Cusa Centre Inc. decide what work is to be done and when the bills are paid. The way Point 5 is worded, the Co-Presidents feel that CUSA would lose control of this money. The Board of Directors of Cusa Centre Inc. have approved this agreement with the exception of Article 2, Points 4 and 5. Scott White stated that one of the advantages of this agreement is that CUSA would not be able to borrow money from the University except for advances on the fees, and this would prevent incurring a large deficit as was done last year when the University let CUSA borrow even though the fees would not cover the costs. Glen Cheverie asked what CUSA's financial status at present. Karen Takacs responded that George Bernier, CUSA's Comptroller, reported a bottom line deficit of \$79,000 before he left on holidays. She added that the Co-Presidents have some questions from him on this, and feel that it is a pessimistic estimate and there is a good chance that it will be less.

VOTE ON MOTION 381:

17/0/1 Carried

7 New Business:

7.1 Part-Time Faculty Representation:

Senate Caucus Leader Paul Gott announced that there would be a Senate caucus meeting on Friday to discuss the issue of part-time faculty representation on Senate. He stated that documentation would be available before the meeting if any Directors were interested in reading up on the issue and attending the meeting to help the Senate caucus reach a decision. He explained that all the faculty members of Senate are full-time but that more than half the staff at the University are part-time faculty. Senate will be voting on three proposals: allocating one seat to part-time faculty, or increasing by one seat all the faculties whose councils have approved part-time faculty representation (Arts & Science, Fine Arts and Commerce), or increasing by one seat all faculties. Paul Gott stated that the student Senators will control the vote, and they will be making a statement by the way in which they vote because it will affect their relationship with part-time and full-time faculty. He urged all Directors to attend the caucus meeting to give their input.

7.2 Proposed New Dates for the General Elections:

Alexandre Ciocilteu, Judicial Board Chairperson, outlined the new proposed dates for the general elections as agreed upon by Judicial Board, the Chief Returning Officer and the Co-Presidents. He stated that the Nomination Period would open March 4th and close March 12th, the all-candidates' meeting would be held March 13th, the Campaign Period would run from March 16th to 29th, and the elections would be held on March 30th, 31st and April 1st.

MOTION 382:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors accepts the recommendations of Judicial Board, and the annual general elections of CUSA will be held on March 30th and 31st and April 1st, 1987.

Moved by: Maria Calderone
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

Discussion:

Scott White stated that according to the Constitution, the elections dates have to be in March. He stated that the proposed dates could be acceptable if a document were signed at the all-candidates' meeting by the candidates stating that they agree with the dates and waive the right to contest the election results based on one day of voting in April.

VOTE ON MOTION 382:

UNANIMOUS

(3:45)

7.3 Ratification of New Club:

On behalf of the Liaison Committee, Jim Locke stated that the Concordia Animal Rights Association had an acceptable constitution according to Judicial Board, and he introduced Sara Terreault. She stated that the objective of the group would be to make students aware of the institutions that use animals for research, and would stimulate debate on its concerns. Karen Takacs asked what type of activities the group would pursue, whether or not they would be political, whether the group had specific goals (e.g. boycotts), and whether the group was aware that Lise Watier is on the Board of Governors of the University and the products her company sells are on the list of products to boycott. Sara Terreault responded that the group would concentrate their activities on increasing awareness through speakers, awareness days, letter-writing and poster campaigns, and demonstrations.

MOTION 383:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the formation of the "Concordia Animal Rights Association".

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Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Linda Piovesan

VOTE ON MOTION 383:

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Glen Cheverie asked whether there would be any referendum questions in the general elections, specifically regarding a fee increase. Karen Takacs responded that CUSA fees can be increased only by referendum, but that neither she nor Scott White were willing to campaign for a fee increase especially in view of the CCSL fee increase. She added that there is also a possibility of settling with the ECA which would bring in money that had not been included in the plans. She further stated that this administration has been able to do everything they set out to do and more with a deficit of more than \$200,000 to start off, and she felt that the next administration should be able to do as well especially as the deficit has been greatly reduced. Scott White stated that a five-cent increase would bring in \$21,000 and added that some thought has to be given to how much of an increase would be needed to make it worthwhile.

8 Date of Next Meeting:

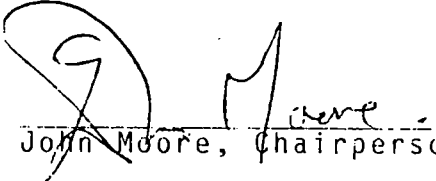
Chairperson John Moore announced that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall Building, Room TBA.

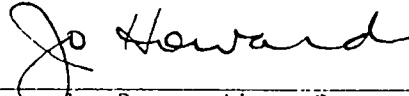
9 Announcements:

There were no announcements.

10 Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.


John Moore, Chairperson


Jo Howard, Recording Secretary

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